English 11

Unit 4

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| **Word** | **Definition** |
| AFFABLE | (adj.) Easy to speak to; Friendly |
| AGGRANDIZE | (v.) To make something appear greater than it actually is; Exaggerate |
| AMORPHOUS | (adj.) Without determinate shape |
| ARCHETYPE | (n.) An ideal example; Model or quintessence |
| AURA | (n.) Pervasive psychic influence supposed to emanate from persons |
| CONTRABAND | (n.) Goods that have been illegally smuggled in or out; (adj.) Prohibited, illegal, or forbidden |
| ERUDITE | (adj.) Characterized by extensive knowledge and book smarts |
| GOSSAMER | (n.) A soft, light, and delicate fabric; (adj.) Thin, light, delicate, or flimsy |
| INFER | (v.) To conclude from facts or premises |
| INSCRUTABLE | (adj.) Difficult to understand or fathom |
| INSULAR | (adj.) Narrow or isolated in outlook or experience |
| IRREVOCABLE | (adj.) Impossible to retract or take back |
| PROPENSITY | (n.) An innate inclination; a tendency |
| QUERULOUS | (adj.) Habitually complaining, whining |
| REMONSTRATE | (v.) To present and urge reasons in opposition; To protest |
| REPUDIATE | (v.) To refuse to have anything to do with; To reject |
| RESILIENT | (adj.) Able to recover quickly; Able to return to an original form |
| RETRENCH | (v.) To cut down or reduce in extent or quantity |
| REVERBERATE | (v.) To resound in a succession of echoes |
| SCURRILOUS | (adj.) Grossly indecent or vulgar; Foul-mouthed |
| SEDULOUS | (adj.) Constantly working hard, busy, hard-working |
| SLEAZY | (adj.) Shabby, dirty, and vulgar; Tawdry |